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MASS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM IN CHENNAI
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are aware of the problems being faced by the commuters due to inadequate connectivity of Chennai's Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) with the rest of the city;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to integrate the MRTS with other suburban railway lines running in the other destinations in the city;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by when the above proposals are likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As a part of extension of Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) under MRTS Phase II project, extension of line from Velachery to St. Thomas Mount has been sanctioned & the detailed estimate for the project has also been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 495.74 Crore.

(d) The project of extension of MRTS from Velachery to St. Thomas Mount under MRTS Phase II is targeted to be completed within a period of 4 years. Liason is being maintained with State Government of Tamil Nadu for allotment of sufficient funds & transfer of land to ensure timely completion of project